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REPLY

Dear Sir:

This Reply is made in complete and timely response to the Office action mailed 8 July 2004, in which the sole rejection was under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Awakura (*et al.*), U.S. Pat. No 6,654,573. The rejection is traversed because the Awakura reference is not available as prior art against the instant application. Awakura is based on an application filed (§102(e) date) 3 April 2001. The instant application claims priority from four prior-filed Japanese applications, all of which were filed in 2000. Because the instant application has an earlier effective filing date, Awakura is not available as a reference under §102, and so the instant rejections should be withdrawn.

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